GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL TOURISM AREAS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have identified some places in various States for developing them into special tourism areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the financial assistance provided for each place identified as a special tourism area during each of the last three years and 2001-02;

(d) whether the Government have asked the concerned States to draw up a comprehensive plans for the purpose;

(e) if so, the details of plans submitted by the State Governments for clearance; State-wise; and

(f) the role of the Union Government in implementing the special tourism areas plans?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) to (c) : The Department of Tourism, Government of India in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations has identified five Special Tourism Areas namely; Bekal in Kerala, Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu, Puri in Orissa and Diu in Daman & Diu. Central financial assistance sanctioned to different projects for development of these Special Tourism Areas during the last three years is as follows: -

(Rs. in lakhs)

State/UT	Special Tourism Area	Amt. Sanctioned
Kerala	Bekal	Nil
Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	281.32
Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	27.00
Orissa	Puri	83.00
Daman & Diu	Diu	Nil
Total		391.32

The Deptt. of Tourism, Govt. of India in consultation with the State Governments/ UTs have prioritised the following projects for the year 2001-2002:

(Rs.in lakhs)

State/UT	Special Tourism Area	Amount Prioritised

Kerala	Bekal	Nil
Maharashtra	Sindhudurg	40.00(3)
Tamil Nadu	Mamallapuram	65.00(4)
Orissa	Puri	134.50(4)
Daman & Diu	Diu	91.20(3)

(Figures in bracket indicate the number of projects prioritised).

(d) to (f) : The Deptt. of Tourism, Govt. of India has asked the concerned States to prepare Master Plans/Project Reports and also to take necessary steps for acquisition of the land. The implementation of the projects is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts./UT Administrations in their respective States/UTs.